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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/837,604

Tammy,
As per my voicemail message

As per my voicemail message, I have discovered that there is a second application that requires action on the request to rescind prior request and certification under 1.213(b) and the request for express abandonment. Accordingly, please find attached via facsimile a courtesy copy of the documents related to this additional application. Just as for yesterday's facsimile, the petition for revival has already been granted. For your convenience, a courtesy copy of the decision granting revival is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (202) 942-5325. Many thanks for your kind assistance.

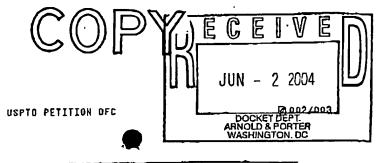
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f), filed August 4, 2003.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner states that the instant application is the subject of a PCT international application filed on October 24, 2002. However, the US Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the PCT application.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 USC 122(b)(2)[8](iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- the reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

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The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Pre-Grant Publication for consideration of the petition for express abandonment, filed August 4, 2003.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at  $(703)\ 305-0272$ .

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